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**Admission:**

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- Non-members—\$6 in costume, \$8 in regular dress

For information, or to volunteer or enter the hamentashen bake-off, call the office or Nathan Robinson (567-8706).

## The Younger Set

### Children's Chavurah

#### Purim Celebration

Come join us for our first Pre-school Children's Chavurah event celebrating Purim as part of the Kadimah family program at Sha'ar Zahav, Saturday, March 6, 10:30 am-noon.

After the program, we will hold a brief planning meeting to discuss concerns and ideas for future programming.

Our goal is to have pre-school programs every one to two months, either in the East Bay or San Francisco.

To volunteer or for further information, call Jody Adelberg (510/655-6850).

### Family Shabbat

The East Bay Children's Chavurah will hold its monthly potluck and celebration of Shabbat on Friday, March 12 beginning at 6:30 pm, at 925 Talbot Ave. in Albany. All children, their families, and their friends are welcome to attend. Please bring a potluck main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. Beverages and challah will be provided. For more information, call 510/525-5026 evenings (except Tuesdays) and weekends.

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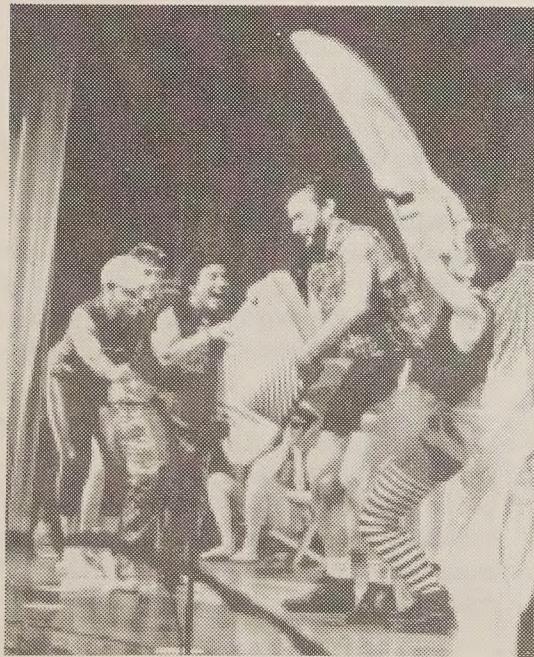
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Call: Phyllis Mintzer during regular business hours (392-7080) or evenings (585-1865).

## Chanukah Hilarity

If you think this looks like fun, don't miss Megillah Madness on March 6! (More photos inside). ALL PHOTOS BY DAVID WEINSTEIN



## Jeff Rubin

Stop by the women's designer sportswear department at Neiman-Marcus at the Stanford Shopping Mall, and there you'll find CSZ member Jeff Rubin, customer service provider *par excellence*.

Jeff has worked there since September when he was recruited away from his Macy's Union Square job selling men's shoes. One day a gentleman came into the Macy's shoe department shopping for the right footwear, and although Jeff helped him select a desirable pair of shoes, they just didn't fit right. Jeff

advised his customer that he wouldn't be happy with the shoes and suggested he come back another time to consider other options. The next day Jeff got a call from the customer, who happened to be a manager at Neiman-Marcus in Palo Alto. So struck had he been by Jeff's honest, personal approach to cus-

tomer service, that he offered Jeff an even better job in his store.

Perhaps it's this talent for retail sales that prompted Jeff two years ago to take on his most recent volunteer role of CSZ Gift Shop chair, working closely with CSZ member Stan Kern. Together the two keep the gift shop and breezeway display window stocked and visit the San Francisco Gift Show twice a year at the Moscone Center. Best-selling items include tallitot, mezuzzot, and Shabbat and Chanukah candles, but Jeff would like to expand the inventory and help the Gift Shop grow into a bigger space and a more viable service for the congregation. He welcomes retail enthusiasts from within the congregation to join him in his volunteer efforts.

Jeff grew up in Louisville, a third-generation Kentucky Jew, raised on Shabbat dinners of kosher southern fried chicken. His history at CSZ began in 1988, soon after he migrated west with his lover Frank Bush (no relation to you-know-who). The couple moved to San Francisco partly for the climate and

partly for the gay community, and once here, Jeff immediately began attending CSZ services. He liked the blend of Judaism and gay culture, and was attracted by the mix of "reconservodox" Jewish traditions as well.

His first volunteer effort was through oneg coordination, which gave him the chance to meet a lot of people and develop a social network. Eventually, he branched out into "volunteer dabbler"—a little here, a little there—with a long history by now of everything from High Holiday head usher, to Purim party coordinator, to CSZ booth staffer at the Gay Pride Parade, to administrative office support helper, to envelope stuffer for the *Forward*. He has no ambition to become president of the

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Jeff Rubin

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## What Your Synagogue Can Do For You—Part II

You may recall that last month I began a discussion in this column of the many benefits that individual members can derive from the programs at Sha'ar Zahav. In trying to encourage our members to take a closer look at what each committee, program, or staff member can offer, I am hoping that members not only will participate more fully in these personally enriching activities, but also understand more clearly how their dues are used and why it is necessary that members give as much and as fairly as they can.

Last month I presented somewhat more than half of our standing committees. I would like to conclude my discussion of these and also mention our major synagogue events.

**Newsletter:** It goes without saying that the Newsletter committee is one which has a significant impact on our members and the rest of the gay/lesbian/bisexual and Jewish communities, as well. Committee members are provided with an excellent opportunity to learn skills in editing, layout, and production, in addition to having a chance to do some writing themselves. Our wider membership benefits by the Newsletter in that they have an avenue for expressing opinions, keeping informed about all of our activities and other community activities of interest, and having important dates and events acknowledged.

**Oneg:** Committee members have the opportunity to perform a great mitzvah by spending an hour or so preparing and arranging the fruit, vegetables, and desserts that we have delivered to the synagogue each Friday night. While committee members probably won't become fulltime caterers, they can still experience the satisfaction of making a pleasant after-service nosh for our congregants and enjoy the camaraderie of working with each other on a productive project which can be completed in a short time.

**Public Relations:** This one-person-



Allan Gold

committee's charge is to provide information and publicity about our issues and activities in the gay/lesbian and Jewish press. We all benefit by having our important issues aired and discussed and public opinion influenced. Anyone interested in working with our long-time chair, Sharyn Saslafsky, could learn a lot about preparing articles and press releases and the fine art of carefully wording our statements for maximum political sensitivity and effect.

**Religious School:** Members of this committee have the opportunity to learn about and influence the curriculum and activities of our Kadimah-aged children. All members



who have an interest in the education of our young Sha'ar Zahavniks are welcome to participate in this committee's efforts. Our Kadimah is a trail-blazing religious school, and anyone who wants to have a significant impact on how our children relate to Judaism and being part of a unique community can find an avenue for their interests here. Clearly all of the families and children at the Sha'ar Zahav benefit from the work of this committee.

**Ritual:** The advantages to all of us by our tremendously hard-working Ritual Committee would take a whole column. However, I will try to list here much of what this committee does for us: leading Shabbat services, including sermons and Torah interpretations; organization and production of High Holiday and all other holiday service; researching and writing of the new and

relevant liturgy; production of our own prayerbooks and Hagaddahs; providing services at nursing homes and in the Tenderloin; ritual support for members at the life cycle ceremonies; ritual support for the Rabbi; conclusion and judgment on ritual and religious matters, and much, much more. Committee members have a tremendous opportunity to play a pivotal role in the ritual life of the congregation, including learning Torah, becoming familiar with a wide range of Jewish writing, developing skills in public speaking and service leading, and having a ready forum for meeting one's own spiritual needs.

**Social Action:** Sha'ar Zahav's members are often interested and involved in various political and social causes and movements. The Social Action committee provides information and organization to enhance our participation in activities related to women's, gay/lesbian/bisexual rights, Israel, homelessness, sanctuary, and other timely issues. We benefit from having a communication network in place so that we can act, if we so choose, while committee members have an impetus to keep abreast of events that affect us and an organized way to build support for our common interests.

**Women's Chavurah:** The Women's Chavurah develops both social and educational programs for our women members. They benefit from regular potluck dinners where there is a chance for informal socializing and discussion, as well as more formal events such as the upcoming Women's Health Conference, which the chavurah is sponsoring. Chavurah members have an opportunity to provide meaningful and fun activities for our women members, while having a chance to learn about organizing events, as well as keeping up on community events of interest to women.

In summary, it is easy to see that all of our committees provide numerous services for our members in general, while providing committee members the opportunity for performing mitzvahs, developing new skills, exercising talents, having an outlet for special interests, and making friends.

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## Must reserve by March 26

### Seder 1993

Celebrate Passover with us at our annual Congregational Seder on Tuesday, April 6 starting promptly at 6:30 pm.

Space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. A reservation form is enclosed and it is essential that it be received at the synagogue office *no later than Friday, March 26* together with names and checks. Whole tables for 16 persons may be reserved.

We offer subsidies for this function and if you can make a donation, please indicate so. Also, if a subsidy is requested, please contact the office quickly. Any balance remaining will be donated to Mazon, the Jewish hunger relief effort.

As always, a few willing volunteers are needed that day and for a few hours previously (haven't you always wanted to make *haroset* for 200!). Come help us out; it's fun. Call Shirley Liberman, 863-7500 ext. 123. Come celebrate Passover with us.

### Condolences

To **Mike Rankin**, on the death of his friends, Fred Beggs and Ron Emond.

To **Daphne Stuart and Lyssa Friedman**, on the death of their nieces, Molly and Jesse Stuart.

To **Jerry Hipps**, on the death of his father, Chauncy Jack Hipps.

To **Maia Ettinger**, on the death of her father, Manfred Lachs.

To **Julie Moed and Shelly Eisenman**, on the death of their friend, Nick Teramani.

To **Sam Kaplan**, on the death of his great aunt, Marion Goldstein.

To **Julie Moed**, on the death of her aunt, Ruth Alter.

To **Stephanie Hannaford**, on the death of her mother, Sarah Hannaford.

To **Nancy Meyer**, on the death of her father, Henry Lutz Meyer.

To **David Custead**, on the death of his mother, Marilynn Custead.

To **Ben Schalit**, on the death of his friend Rick Wright.

## February Va'ad Report

The Va'ad meeting for the month of February opened with Daniel Chesir leading us in a reading which discussed the distinctions between the Golem and the Wise Person. Simply put, the Golem is the one who chooses not to listen to the thoughts and opinions of others. The Golem speaks when his/her views are not solicited. The Golem speaks when others are trying to speak. The Golem believes that the only valid view of a problem is his/her own. The members of the Va'ad listened quite attentively to this particular *D'var Torah*.

Ellen Gierson reported to the Va'ad about several important problems concerning the building. First, all of the exit signs/emergency lights need to be replaced. They are quite old, and the batteries are inoperable. The equipment is vital to the security and well-being of the people who use the synagogue. Ellen estimated that replacement cost will come to about \$1,750. The Va'ad authorized Ellen to proceed with the replacement project. Then, Ellen informed us that a rather serious leak had developed in the roof. Ellen was authorized to solicit bids for the repair, the cost for which was not to exceed \$1,000. In the meantime, we will check our records concerning any warranties connected with the last roof job which was performed. Finally, Ellen discussed the performance results of the various sound systems which she has tested for use within the sanctuary. If the Ritual Committee so requests, we will authorize the purchase of portable microphones which will give service leaders mobility while on the Bimah. The cost for this upgrade would be around \$365.

The Treasurer's Report was received and discussed, after which the Membership Report was given. Five new members were approved, and six members were dropped from the rolls.

President Allan Gold reviewed the Mini-Advance which took place the day before the Va'ad meeting. Generally, the members of the Va'ad were pleased with the way the Mini-Advance turned out. A number of very important issues were discussed, which will be the topics of future President's Columns in the *Forward* and the subjects of upcoming communications with the congregation's membership.

Nathan Robinson reported on de-

velopments regarding the March 6 *Megillah Madness* extravaganza, and reminded everyone that he welcomes as many volunteers as possible.

In his President's Report, Allan Gold discussed a new policy which evolved rather rapidly. This policy concerns how to handle fundraising benefit opportunities which are offered to CSZ. This pertains generally, but not exclusively, to art or theater events which the Congregation is asked to sponsor. At least one man and one woman member of the Va'ad, as well as a member or two of the Fundraising Committee, will screen the performance. As a general rule, a conservative approach will be taken when we contemplate formally associating our CSZ name with the performance.

On other matters, the Va'ad designated several members to work toward organizing a panel dealing with medical ethics, estate planning, and powers of attorney for health care. Allan also reported that a member wanted to organize a potluck dinner for the Congregation's bisexual members. Finally, the Va'ad discussed and approved a benefit fundraiser for Kadimah. The guests of honor will be Roberta Achtenberg and Mary Morgan.

Mark Pressler's brief Administrator's Report consisted of the announcement that Healing Services have been scaled back to once a month.

As the last item of the Meeting, Administrative Vice President Tiela Chalmers clarified several questions which had been raised concerning the recent proposal to create and fund the position of Program Coordinator. The Va'ad authorized an expenditure of \$7,500 for this position, to begin in July.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:25, with an *andante* singing of *Oseh Shalom*. No closed session followed.

—Mark Mackler, Recorder

### Oneg Sponsors

These generous people sponsored onegs in February:

19 **Lane Schickler**, for the Open Hand "adopt a route" program

## Women's Havdalah Potluck

The Women's Chavurah has scheduled its next bi-monthly potluck for Saturday, March 13 at the home of Sarah Nathe and Susan Tubbesing, 3433 Brunell Drive, Oakland. Beginning at 6:30 pm, we'll hold a brief Havdalah service, followed by a potluck dinner and time to schmooze. Plans are under way for a one-day Women's Health Conference, "Our Jewish Bodies," sponsored by the Women's Chavurah and tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 23. Come and learn all about it.

**Directions:** Take Highway 13 to the Lincoln/Joaquin Miller exit. Go up the hill on Joaquin Miller to Butters, turn right on Butters and go to Brunell. Turn right on Brunell and go to 3433. Call Susan for more information: 510/482-3740. If your last name begins with A-H, please bring a dessert; I-P, a side dish; and Q-Z, a main dish. See you March 13.



## Women's Shabbat Dinner

Join us for the next Shabbat Dinner sponsored by the Women's Chavurah, Friday, March 19 at 6:30 pm. Held in the synagogue library, the informal dinners are a peaceful way to wind down after a hectic week. Pamper yourself—join other interesting women for good conversation and a lovely, catered meal.

Call Audrey Adelson by Wednesday, March 17 to reserve a dinner and for more information on menu, price and cancellation policy (510/848-3021).



## Anniversaries

1	Eileen Lynette & Charlene O'Neil
4	Sara Haber & Diane Snyder
15	Bernard Choden & Lois Scott
15	Raphael Hoch & Seth Frohman
20	Maggie Rochlin & Sandy Meyers
20	Carolyn Issacs & Randy Mayers
22	Todd & Mark Taubman-Walker
24	Martin Spector & Rodger Morales
29	Catherine Dodd & Sharyn Saslafsky
29	Judith Klain & Maria Chavez
31	Brett Trueman & Mark Miller
31	Nina Wouk & Jessie Ap'neva

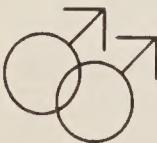


## Birthdays

1	Lisa Geduldig
1	Arthur Slepian
4	Brett Trueman
5	Edward Pollock
5	Nancy Wecker
6	Laurie Mintz
6	Adrianne Forshay
7	Allen Harris
8	Ann Biderman
9	Perry Paker
10	Dana Vinicoff
11	Jessie Ap'neva
12	Jerome Geffner
12	Judith Scherr
13	Ari Chaim Adler
16	Alice Prussin
18	Michelle Auerbach
18	Ann Bauman
19	Rachael Wahba
21	Jeffrey Shuman
21	Mike Abramson
21	Josh Lee
23	Blanche Blachman
24	Nora Klimist
25	Lynn Bravewoman
27	Rebecca Doctors-Cohen
28	Francie Hornstein
29	Robert Guterman
29	Harold Parker
30	Susan Greenspan
30	Mark Miller



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## Volunteer Profile

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synagogue, but instead follows a volunteer strategy, "to be involved in a small way for a long time." Jeff's volunteer style is to make a "behind-the-scenes" contribution, and he firmly believes that "it's the little efforts to keep things flowing at Sha'ar Zahav that enable the big functions to come off."

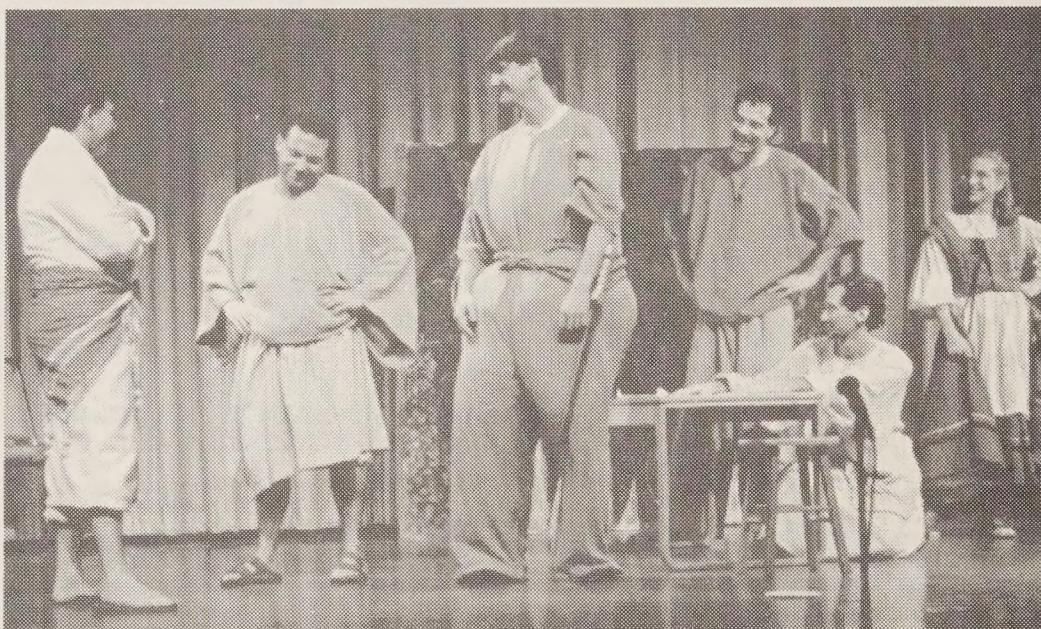
Jeff has especially enjoyed getting involved with the kind of cross-section community Sha'ar Zahav offers, particularly as he comes to appreciate and socialize more with people who are "not like him." One year he attended a CSZ retreat about creating personal rituals around Passover, and he came away with his consciousness raised regarding the value of children as part of the Sha'ar Zahav family. Last month, he participated in a CSZ one-day "mini leadership advance," and became inspired by the opportunities to meet new people and make a positive contribution to the synagogue.

An avid reader of fiction and mystery novels, Jeff is very much a homebody. After 11 years together, he and his lover Frank purchased a condo last summer in the Diamond Heights area, and are in the process of doing minor renovations. Jeff enjoys working with people and especially helping others solve problems—a daily challenge as he faces his host of fussy shoppers on the designer sportswear floor. He loves getting involved in the creative process of matching the right article of clothing to the right person for the right reason ... and his specialty is personalized, caring customer service.

Recently, he sold a lady from the Peninsula an outfit for the Inaugural Ball. It was a not-very-subtle, leopard print ball-gown-length skirt (oy!). She'd seen it in a Neiman-Marcus catalog and called his department to order it. Unfortunately, the Palo Alto store didn't carry the skirt, so Jeff made a herculean effort to successfully track it down at another store and have it sent to the woman, who was so grateful, she called Jeff to thank him. Lo and behold, Murphy Brown turned up wearing the identical skirt on her program the Monday before the Inaugural Ball ... and the plot line was that she planned to attend the ball and wear it there! Fearing his customer's wrath, Jeff followed up with a personal phone

call to see how the woman enjoyed Washington and to let her know that Candice Bergen had scooped her inaugural fashion statement in front of millions of television viewers just two nights before. No problem here. His customer was thrilled that Jeff took such an interest, and besides ... Murphy wore a different blouse.

Now isn't Jeff the kind of volunteer you're glad to have around Sha'ar Zahav?



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## HIV+ Gathering

A gathering for HIV-positive members of the congregation and their partners will be held on Saturday, March 20, from 3 pm to 5 pm. Our gatherings give us an opportunity to share, listen, and discuss where we are (emotionally, physically, and spiritually), as well as generally schmooze and have a nosh. We try to avoid the litany of doctors and drugs. Our previous gatherings have been valuable, and so we continue to extend a warm invitation to those who have not joined us in the past. The gathering will be held at Neill Rosen's home, 82½ Casselli St., near Clover. For more information or to RSVP, call either Neill (863-0432) or Jordan Berger (621-3934).

## Naches

To Allan Berenstein, on the birth of his granddaughter, Kallie Berenstein.

To Bobbie Rosenthal, for passing her LCSW exam.

To Jonathan Funk, for becoming a partner in his law firm.

To Roberta Achtenberg, for her appointment as assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## Befriending Bi's?

### Beginning a Dialogue on Bisexual Outreach

Is Sha'ar Zahav a "bi-friendly" congregation? Do you share common stereotypes about bisexuals? Are bisexuals casualties of homophobia? Do you have feelings one way or the other on these questions? If so, come to a vegetarian potluck and participate in a lively dialogue on Sunday, March 28, hosted by the Jewish Bisexual Caucus of BiPOL. The caucus warmly invites all CSZ members to discuss your fears, coming-out problems, resentments and naches. The potluck is at 5:30 pm at the home of Jim Frazin, 143 Gennessee St. (at Monterey) in San Francisco. Call him (337-4566) for more information.

## Thanks, Allan

An extra special thank you to Allan Berenstein for his donation of the kiddush cup that is used at every oneg at Sha'ar Zahav. The lovely cup is an enhancement to our already special onegs.

## About-Face at the

### Jewish Museum

### Continues Exploration of Black-Jewish Relations

*About-Face*, a mask invitational which involves Bay Area artists from a variety of ethnic backgrounds in a timely dialogue on Black-Jewish relations, opened at The Jewish Museum San Francisco (121 Steuart St.) on February 28. Participating artists have submitted masks which integrate themes of the Jewish festival of Purim with themes from the Museum's recent presentation of *Bridges & Boundaries: African Americans and American Jews*, an exhibit which explored the complex relationship between these two groups in the 20th century. *About-Face* will be on display through April 29.

The mask form has been associated with Purim since the 11th century, when masked and costumed players traveled throughout Europe presenting performances known as *purimshpils*, humorous adaptations of the story of Purim. This marked the origin of the Jewish theater tradition.

Masks are indigenous to many cultures, and the African American mask-making tradition is one of the most highly developed.

A component of *About-Face* will be a video presentation which includes installation views of *Bridges & Boundaries* and narration on the exhibition's critical themes. For those who missed the Bay Area presentation of *Bridges & Boundaries*, currently on a seven-city, two-year national tour, this video component of *About-Face* is a way to see the exhibition in a shortened format.

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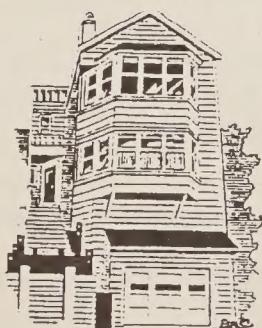


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## Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions of all sizes to mark any event and to add to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless otherwise requested.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

### General Fund

**David Weinstein**, in celebration of the life of aunt and grandmother, Betty Horowitz

**Shelly Eisenman and Julie Moed**, in honor of Pam Erwin's new position at Wells Fargo Bank

**Gilda and Melvin Winkler**, in memory of Molly and Jesse Stuart

**Ami Zusman**, in memory of her father

**Carol Cohen**, in memory of her father, Jacob Cohen

**David Lester**, in honor of past and present members of the *Jewish Gaily Forward* newsletter committee, especially Alex Ingersoll, Howard Blechman, and Lane Schickler

**Allan Berenstein**, in memory of Sarah Hannaford

**Walt Leiss**, in memory of Eric Keitel's father, Milton

**Paul Cohen and Bob Guttermann**, in memory of Eric Keitel's father, Milton

**Ron Lezell**, in memory of Eric Keitel's father, Milton

**Violet Keeberman**, in memory of Eric Keitel's father, Milton

**Rob Tat**, in memory of Eric Keitel's father, Milton

**Ida Cooper**, in memory of the birth-date of Bryn Morgan

**Jerry Rosenstein**, in memory of Tom Lowenstein

**David Stein and Alex Ingersoll**, in memory of Sarah Hannaford

**Jonathan Funk**, in honor of Adam Bellm Kahn's entry into the covenant

**Nancy Meyer and Marilyn O'Keefe**, in memory of Nancy's father, Henry Lutz Meyer

**Robert Tat**, in memory of Jack Hipps

### Prayerbook Fund

**Stephanie Hannaford**, in honor of Susan Unger with grateful appreciation

### AIDS Fund

**Jeffrey Lilly**, in honor of his conversion

### Bikkur Cholim

**Stephanie Hannaford**, in honor of Catherine Eisenberg for her love and support

**Paul Cohen and Bob Guttermann**, in memory of Molly and Jessie Stuart



### New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

**Nancy Levin**

**Ruth Rainero, Pieter DeHaan, and Ilana Rainero DeHaan**

**Drew Siegel**

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

**Paul Cohen and Bob Guttermann**, in memory of Chauncy Jack Hipps

**Stephanie Hannaford**, in honor of Sharyn Saslafsky, with thanks for her love and support

**Paul Cohen and Bob Guttermann**, in memory of Sarah Hannaford

**Paul Cohen and Bob Guttermann**, in memory of Henry Lutz Meyer

**Mark Pressler**, in memory of Molly and Jesse Stuart, nieces of Daphne Stuart and Lyssa Friedman

### Children's Education Fund

**Lyssa Friedman and Daphne Stuart**, in memory of their nieces, Molly and Jesse Stuart, and in honor of the birth and good health of Reuben Winters Raff, son of Annie Winters and Nina Raff

### High Holidays

**David Ring**

**Stuart Harrison**

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**T. Jeffrey Keeffe**, in memory of Alan Craig

**Michael Erceg**, in memory of David Kotch

**Daniel Chesir and Stefan Rowniak**, in honor of the entry into the covenant of Adam David Bellm Kahn

**Ed Pollock**, in memory of Alan Ellis

**Ivor and Beryl Silver**, in honor of Neill Rosen

**Julie Fishman**, in honor of Michelle Auerbach

**Jonathan Schwartz**, in memory of Thelma Schwartz

**Nina Raff and Annie Winters**, in honor of Rabbi Kahn and the congregation's support and in honor of the birth of their new son, Reuben Issac Winters Raff

### Torah Fund

**Don Albert**, in memory of Henry Lutz Meyer

**Don Albert**, in honor of Jon Funk becoming a partner in his law firm

## President's Column

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To conclude this column, I would like to mention our large and visible events, as well as our smaller events organized by our Men's Brotherhood, Women's Chavurah, and Singles group. Many people join Sha'ar Zahav in order to meet people, and hopefully to have fun. I have written about the value and necessity of having fun in a previous column, and our big parties are clearly designed to make sure that all of us and our friends in the larger community have an opportunity to play, to meet new people, and to take time to celebrate the joy in our lives. Over the years we have enjoyed many Purim and Chanukah parties, lovely 10th and 13th anniversary parties, theater parties, folk dances, popular music dances, picnics, softball games, and potluck dinners. Each in its way is a community building activity and helps make us feel a part of a special, caring and welcoming group of people. While many of us work together on committees, many don't, and these social events provide another way for us to bond as family.

Just as in all of our other activities, those who coordinate, organize, act, sing, dance, decorate, set up, purchase and set out food, even clean up, all have the opportunity to socialize, or utilize skills and talents or develop new ones that can enrich their personal and social lives. While we set high standards for ourselves for our productions, helping plan and implement our events is ultimately a wonderful way to build bridges to other people and try one's hand at something new.

I hope that these two columns have influenced each of you to examine the very real benefits that are available from our many committees and events. Whether you are a recipient of the committee's "product" or a participant in the event, a committee member, or a helper in putting on an event, there are so many ways that Sha'ar Zahav can enrich your life. Taking all this into consideration, I hope that more of you realize the potential for growth and personal fulfillment that is available, and that you can understand better how your dollars translate into concrete answers to the question "what's in it for me?"

## Synagogue Information

**Rabbi Yoel Kahn (861-6932)**

**Officers:**

*President, Allan Gold (929-9524)  
Administrative Vice President,  
Tiela Chalmers  
Program Vice President,  
Lisa Katz  
Treasurer, Gary Sokol  
Recorder, Mark Mackler*

**Va'ad (Board) Members:**

*Phil Chamey  
Daniel Chesir  
Ida Kuluk  
Ron Lezell  
Ora Prochovnick  
Nathan Robinson  
Judy Schwartz  
Steve Unger  
Susan Unger*

**Office Personnel:**

*Administrator, Mark Pressler*

**Committee Chairs:**

*Archivist, by committee  
Bequests and Donations, Tiela Chalmers  
Bikkur Cholim, David Shaber  
Brotherhood, Phil Chamey  
Building, Ellen Gierson  
Bylaws, Edward Pollock  
Cemetery, Richard Inlander  
Children's Chavurah, Audrey Adelson & Joan Lefkowitz  
Cookbook Project, Robin Leonard  
Dues, David Stein & Ron Lezell  
Education, open*

*Finance, Brett Trueman*

*Gift Shop, Jeff Rubin*

*Israel Chavurah, Ron Lezell*

*Leadership Development, Paul Cohen*

*Long-Range Planning, Tiela Chalmers*

*Membership, Carolyn Pines*

*Newsletter, Lane Schickler*

*Oneg, open*

*Past Presidents Council, Don Albert*

*Personnel, Tiela Chalmers*

*Public Relations, Sharyn Saslafsky*

*Religious School, Mary Morgan and Judith Cohen*

*Ritual, Frank Yellin*

*Social Action, Stan Kern*

*Social Program, by committee*

*Volunteer Coordinator, Robin Leonard*

*Women's Chavurah, Susan Tubbesing*

*Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.*

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday from 9 am to 12:30 pm and 2 pm to 4:30 pm. Please call the synagogue office at 861-6932. Rabbi Kahn is on sabbatical until mid-May.

**Library Hours:** Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

**Member** of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Allyce Kimerling, Liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Marc Mencher, Liaison).

**Congregation Sha'ar Zahav** (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

**Emergency Number:** In an emergency, the congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 861-6938.

**Services** are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 am—check calendar for each month.

**Gift Shop Hours:** Fridays, 7:30-8:05 pm



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## MARCH

מרץ

**1** Monday  
8 Adar  
• 6 pm, Healing service

**2** Tuesday  
9 Adar  
• 7:15 pm, Prayerbook Hebrew  
• 8:30 pm, Modern Jewish  
Philosophies

**3** Wednesday  
10 Adar

**4** Thursday  
11 Adar  
• 7 pm, Children's Education

**5** Friday  
12 Adar  
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service,  
Michelle Auerbach and  
Jonathan Funk

**6** Saturday  
13 Adar  
Purim  
• 9:30 am, Kadimah, Purim  
family activity  
• 7 pm, CSZ Purim Party,  
Megillah Reading  
• 8 pm, Purim Square Dancing

**7** Sunday  
14 Adar

**Note:** Gray areas indicate  
religious services.

**8** Monday  
15 Adar  
• 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

**9** Tuesday  
16 Adar  
• 7:15 pm, Prayerbook Hebrew  
• 8:30 pm, Modern Jewish  
Philosophies

**10** Wednesday  
17 Adar  
• 7 pm, Newsletter editing

**11** Thursday  
18 Adar

**12** Friday  
19 Adar  
• 6:30 pm, East Bay Family  
Shabbat Dinner  
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service,  
Lyssa Friedman and Jonathan  
Comisar

**13** Saturday  
20 Adar  
• 9:30 am, Kadimah  
• 10:30 am, Shabbat Service  
• 6:30 pm, Women's Chavurah  
potluck

**14** Sunday  
21 Adar

**15** Monday  
22 Adar  
• 7 pm, Newsletter  
proofreading/layout

**16** Tuesday  
23 Adar  
• 7:15 pm, Prayerbook Hebrew  
• 8:30 pm, Modern Jewish  
Philosophies

**17** Wednesday  
24 Adar

**18** Thursday  
25 Adar  
• 7 pm, Bikkur Cholim

**19** Friday  
26 Adar  
• 6:30 pm, Women's Chavurah  
Shabbat Dinner  
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service,  
Linda Hirschhorn and Daniel  
Chesir  
• 8:15 pm, East Bay service,  
Tova Green and Dana Vinicoff

**20** Saturday  
27 Adar  
• 9:30 am, Kadimah  
• 3 pm, HIV-positive gathering

**21** Sunday  
28 Adar

**22** Monday  
29 Adar

**23** Tuesday  
1 Nisan  
• 7:15 pm, Prayerbook Hebrew  
• 8:30 pm, Modern Jewish  
Philosophies

**24** Wednesday  
2 Nisan

**25** Thursday  
3 Nisan  
• 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee  
• 7 pm, Newsletter distribution

**26** Friday  
4 Nisan  
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service,  
Larry Wexler and Tiela  
Chalmers

**27** Saturday  
5 Nisan  
• 9:30 am, Kadimah

**28** Sunday  
6 Nisan  
• 10:30 am, Kaiser brunch  
• 5:30 pm, Bisexual outreach  
potluck

**29** Monday  
7 Nisan

**30** Tuesday  
8 Nisan

**31** Wednesday  
9 Nisan

## DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions to the April *Gaily Forward* is

**Monday, March 8**

No late submissions will be published without a deadline extension arranged in advance with the newsletter chair. Any CSZ member is welcome to submit articles of interest to our readership. Please type and double-space your articles. You may mail or fax (861-6081) your material to CSZ, Attn: *Gaily Forward*.

## East Bay Services

3/19 TBA (East Bay members  
will receive special mailing)  
4/16 TBA

# Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

## Congregational Seder Reservation Form

Tuesday, April 6

Fort Mason Officer's Club  
(Foot of Franklin at Bay Street)

Plenty of Free Parking

Doors open at 5:45; Seder starts promptly at 6:30 pm

*All reservations must be made by Friday, March 26*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve the following number of places for:

Members @ \$22 each       Non-members @ \$27 each  
 Children under 12 @ \$12 each

Please indicate your choice of entrees (numbers of each):

Roast Chicken       Vegetarian

Would you like to be seated at a table of single people? \_\_\_\_\_

All seats will be reserved and will be at preassigned tables. Tables will seat 16 persons. You may reserve a full or half table by either: (1) indicating all names on the reverse side of this form or (2) by paying in advance for all tickets requested. Unless members' names are indicated, all tickets will be at \$27 per person.

Signing for the hearing impaired can be requested when reservation is made.

Information will be available at the seder regarding the annual Passover Me'ot Chittim appeal, which collects funds to be distributed to various community organizations to help feed the hungry.

Our synagogue subsidizes the cost of the seder for adults and children unable to afford the full cost.

*Can you help with this?*

I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward seder subsidies.  
I/we request a subsidy \_\_\_\_\_.

Any unused funds in the subsidy fund will be donated to Mazon, The Jewish Response to Hunger.

Enclosed is my check for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Mail to:

Congregational Seder  
Congregation Sha'ar Zahav  
220 Danvers St., San Francisco, CA 94114

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# *First Night Seder*

On April 5, 1993, we will be celebrating the first seder of Passover. Although we have a congregational seder on the second night of Passover, many of our members do not have a place to go for the first night and others have places for them but are unaware of the need. Still others may not be planning a seder but would like to join with a group for a potluck. This year, it is our hope that all who want to be part of a first night seder will have the opportunity.

Let us know if you would like to be either a "host" or a "guest" for the first night of Passover.

## **Hosts**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

There will be space for \_\_\_\_\_ guests

## **Guests**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

If two or more, please state the number of people: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Note: We need to receive this form by March 15, 1993.*

Questions: Phone Gordon Osser (510/886-9440)

Mail form to:

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers, San Francisco, CA 94114

